

- 3.(AMENDED) Method according to Claim 1, [characterized in that] wherein the user sets the time interval [(ZE)].
- 4.(AMENDED) Method according to Claim 1, [characterized in that] wherein a changeover to the channel of interest is initiated by operating a control element.
- 5.(AMENDED) Method according to Claim 1, [characterized in that] wherein a picture relating to the channel of interest is stored as video information in a frame memory.

IN THE ABSTRACT:

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television set, it is known for there to be a key on the remote control which allows the user to switch over to the previously selected channel. However, a disadvantage of this conventional solution is that, once the user has jumped from one channel to the next, which is called zapping, the television recognizes only the last channel in the zapping sequence as the last channel in each case. The invention is based on the object of providing an improved method for storage of a channel. The method according to the invention for storage of a channel in a consumer electronics appliance which can be switched over between different channels is distinguished in that the reception duration of the current channel is determined, and in that, as soon as the reception duration exceeds a predetermined time interval ZE, the channel is stored as a channel of interest.--

## REMARKS

The specification has been amended to include a reference to the priority applications.

The above amendments to the claims have been made to eliminate the reference indicia and to meet the requirements of the United States.

To meet the requirements of the United States, the Abstract (as originally filed in the PCT application) is added.

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